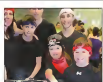




## Women's Day!

Celebrating International Women's Day at the PCCB.

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Claire-Marie Peck, representing the Bradford Figure Skating Club, competes in the Star's Free program, Group 4, at March Mania - a Skate Canada-Central Ontario Skate competition, hosted by the Skating Clubs of Lefroy and Innisfil at the Innisfil Recreation Complex last weekend. For more photos, see page 14.

## March Mania!

## New Action Group celebrates diversity

There's a new group in Town, that seeks to reflect, explore and celebrate Bradford West Gwillimbury's ethnic and cultural diversity.

Ever since the 1950s, Bradford has been recognized as one of the most diverse communities in Ontario - back then, matched only by Toronto. Now, there is a new BWG Diversity Action Group, established to help achieve a community "which recognizes and values the uniqueness of each individual and their culture," and encourages residents to embrace and celebrate diversity.

The Group launches its first initiative this Saturday, March 14, at the Bradford Public Library. In honour of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, an Interactive Map is being set up at the Bradford Library, 425 Holland St. West. Residents are invited to indicate their geographical roots on the map, to help create awareness of how ethnically and culturally diverse the community really is.

The Map will be at the Library until March 23. The BWG Diversity Action Group is also hosting a contest for youth ages 10-15, and adults (16 and older). The challenge: to write an essay, entitled "What Diversity Means to Me." There will be prizes for the winners.

Other initiatives will include a display in the Library display case, highlighting the various holidays occurring between March and June, and input from residents is welcomed, to ensure a good representation of BWG's rich cultural background. Other programs and events are planned, to recognize diversity, and contribute to an environment of inclusivity and acceptance.

"Bradford is fortunate to have residents from a variety of backgrounds and experiences who contribute to our community," said Councillor Raj Sandhu. "I'm proud to be involved with this Action Group, and look forward to future events to celebrate diversity."

In fact, before he was elected to Council, Sandhu approached then-Police Chief Bruce Davis, about the need for a Diversity committee, to help bridge barriers between new residents and police, and increase the cultural sensitivity of officers. "He was very open to the idea but... nothing came of it."

It wasn't until new South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley came on board that a BWG Diversity group was launched, see DIVERSITY Page 3



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## Air Cadet Tag Days

Air Cadets with 94 Squadron Newmarket, W02 Robert Turin, right, and Cadet Anthony Sousa "tagging" outside of the Walmart Supercentre in Bradford, on Sunday, March 8. The tagging raises funds and awareness for the youth program, which is open to boys and girls ages 12 and up. The Squadron meets in Newmarket; for information see [94aircadets.ca](http://94aircadets.ca) or call 905-895-5722.

## Flying ice on Yonge

An Innisfil woman had a narrow escape on March 2. The woman told police that around 2:15 p.m., she was southbound on Yonge St. in the Town of Innisfil, when a large piece of ice flew off a tractor-trailer just ahead, and struck her windshield. The woman was able to safely stop her vehicle, but the windshield was shattered. The woman was not injured. The truck did not stop.

Police remind motorists to clear vehicles of all ice and snow, not only to improve visibility, but to avoid becoming a hazard for other vehicles.

## Community Survey supports Police Business Plan

For the first time, the South Simcoe Police Service has developed not a "Strategic Plan" but a "Business Plan" for 2015-2017 - covering not only policy and future direction for the police service, but also the finances.

It's something that was mandated by the Police Services Act, noted Bradford West Gwillimbury-Innisfil Police Services Board Chair Sharon Villani - something that the Board has been moving towards for the past year.

"The Business Plan was kind of a compilation of a number of things," said South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley, at the February 26 Board meeting - including an organizational review, the identification of community and police priorities, "budgetary and other issues, what needed to be taken care of in the future."

At the heart of the plan is preservation of public safety. "We're dedicated to public safety. It underlies everything we do," said Beazley.

A recent Community Survey provided information that was gleaned when looking at the future focus of policing, Beazley said. "People are concerned about traffic safety and road safety. They like the R.I.D.E. Program," as well as the Youth Programs in the schools - "proactive programs that use intelligence-led and target problems."

The Community Survey had a total of 170 online responses - a higher level of input from the public than the Board received during its last Strategic Plan, when a series of public meetings, in schools and libraries, saw few turn out, Villani noted. The survey responses "certainly supported what we have in the Business Plan."

Vice Chair Rod Hicks said he was "very pleased" with the feedback. "It was really nice to see the positive comments. They certainly endorsed South Simcoe Police as their police service."

Chief Beazley said that the new Plan will be a "dynamic" document, with future opportunities for feedback from citizens. "We need to answer specific questions from time to time during the Business Plan, to see how we're doing."

## Tractor-trailer stolen in Innisfil

South Simcoe Police are working with Halton Regional Police to identify the person(s) responsible for the theft of a transport truck and trailer from a Thomas St., Innisfil, business on March 9. A GPS unit in the truck confirmed that the transport was stolen around 2:30 a.m. The truck was later abandoned at 4:30 a.m. in Milliken, but the trailer, with a full load of lumber, was taken. The 48' trailer had Ontario license plate H8360N, and was covered with two large tarp with the words, "Muskoeka Transport" on the side.

Anyone with information should contact South Simcoe Police, 705-436-2141 or Crime Stoppers, 1-800-222-TIPS.

## Bid comes in under budget

When the Town of BWG went to tender on the Green Valley Pumping Station, it had difficulty attracting tender bids.

That wasn't the case for the Midwestern Pumping Station. The municipality received 12 tender bids for the job, estimated by engineering to have a budget of \$1.2 million. The bids ranged from a low of \$970,000 (excluding HST), to a high bid of \$2.81 million.

On March 3, Council voted to award the tender to low bidder, Wellington Construction Contractors Inc.

"I was a little bit surprised at the difference in the bids," said Councillor Gary Lamb, questioning the low bid. "I

hope we're not missing anything."

He was assured by Director of Engineering Arup Mukherjee, "We're comfortable with this." Mukherjee noted that the bid was thoroughly reviewed, and the company is bonded. "We will have full-time inspection on the job... and finally, the references of Wellington were acceptable. They have done similar work," he said. "We're happy. It's good competition."

The Director suggested a number of explanations for the low bid. "They're hungry. It's winter," Mukherjee said, "and they're looking to get their foot in the door in Bradford."

"It's nice to see bids on the lower side," said Deputy Mayor James Leduc.

## Walker Avenue tender awarded

The reconstruction of the 6th Line and Walker Avenue (from Line 6 to Simcoe Road) was awarded to Triscon Construction, in the amount of \$8.548 million.

The project includes the construction of a foramen for the Green Valley Settlement area, as well as a section of the system that will service the employment lands at Hwy. 400.

Triscon was the second-lowest bidder; the engineers found that low-bidder Maram Building Corp.'s tender bid contained errors, and was "unbalanced" - potentially grossly underestimating some costs in comparison with the other 4 bids received.

When the third time the project had been put out to tender. The first time, in April 2014, only one bid was received - and it was substantially over-budget.

The Town resubmitted the tender in 2014, after changes to the scope and schedule of work - but still received only two bids, also over budget.

In December 2014, the Town increased the capital budget, to \$9,526,200 for construction, with another \$120,000 for watermain

replacement, for a total of \$10,646,200. This time, when the tender closed on January 15, 2015, five bids were received.

Triscon's bid, combined with \$1,127,624 for engineering, relocation of utilities, staff time and taxes, brings the total for the project to \$8,676,076 - under the new budget by \$370,124.

Asked about the timing of the project, Director of Engineering Arup Mukherjee told Council that the company would be mobilizing within weeks of the award of the tender. The entire reconstruction project is slated to be completed in 2016 but, Mukherjee noted, "The underground works will be done a lot earlier - connected within the next few months."

He was asked about potential disruptions for residents on Walker Ave., and assured Councillors that the contract requires Triscon to maintain access to private driveways all during the construction period.

Development charges will cover the bulk of the cost of the project, which is Growth-Related.

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## Celebrating International Women's Day in Bradford

By Jess Feijo, Intern

The women of Bradford West Gwillimbury and surrounding areas celebrated International Women's Day at the 10th annual Women's Appreciation evening, March 7 at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford.

The women-only event was a chance to see how beautiful women are, said guest Mikki Nawowski. "It's important to take that moment and say yes, let's enjoy ourselves. Let's sit together as women and talk about the issues that are important to us – and to have someone wait on us, for a change."

The evening was for ladies of all ages. While they relaxed and mingled, men played the role of servers – including Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer, looking sharp in a white button-up, and Councillors Ron Orr, Gary Baynes and Raj Sandhu.

Mayor Keffer said that even though his role at the event was something new for him, he thought it was a great way to celebrate the accomplishments of women in Bradford West Gwillimbury.

"It's great to be able to come and help serve, and just be able to let the women enjoy themselves, and for the men to look after bringing the food out to tables and helping out any way we can," Mayor Keffer said.

In addition to the dinner, raffles, fashion show and music, the event was an opportunity for women to meet, and mingle. Jennifer Petxoto, a cashier at Walmart, has attended the Women's Day event for the past 2 years – this year, selling cosmetic products by Younique.

Petxoto said that events like this not only bring awareness to the issues surrounding International Women's Day, but to the town of Bradford itself. "A lot of people – like for example, my friends here are from Brampton – they come

and see Bradford. It just gives awareness to Bradford."

It also shines a spotlight on local businesses. A highlight of the evening was the fashion show, featuring spring and summer wear from The Pink Closet, a Bradford store. The models were all local women and girls, with make-up and hairstyles by Victoria Bourque Beauty Boutique – another Bradford business.

Every year, the event chooses a charity, and donates the proceeds of the fundraising raffles. This year, the chosen charity was the Kidney Foundation, recognizing that one in 10 Canadians suffer from kidney disease.

International Women's Day was another successful evening, bringing the Cultural Centre a full house.

"It is growing a lot. A lot of people still don't know about Women's Day," said Tina Pereira, secretary at the PCCB. "This is our 10th annual Women's Day festivities, and every year we get more and more, so it's fantastic!"



Top photo: Women of achievement, Mikki Nawowski (left) and artist Ingrid Schienke. Above: Public servants, from left, Mayor Rob Keffer, Councillors Ron Orr, Raj Sandhu, and Gary Baynes.

Photos by Jess Feijo

## Celebrating Diversity in BWG

DIVERSITY, from Page 1

with the enthusiastic involvement of South Simcoe Police HR manager Julie Kumar, who laid the groundwork.

It's not a Committee, but an informal group that currently has 7 or so members – "a group of like-minded people who want to do something," said Councillor Sandhu. The group has been growing, largely by word of mouth, as residents and groups learn of its existence.

For more information, or to join the Action Group, email [DiversityinBWG@gmail.com](mailto:DiversityinBWG@gmail.com) or see BWG diversity on Facebook; follow on Twitter at [@eqdnterstinBWG](https://twitter.com/eqdnterstinBWG).

"My personal hope, and I think shared by the rest of the members, (is) as we learn about each other, we'll become closer, by working together," said Councillor Sandhu. "The goal is to have a big umbrella, making everyone welcome. And at the end of the day, we're all proud Canadians."

## Preventing, Investigating Property Crime

York Regional Police Services Board Chair Frank Scarpitti and YRP Chief Eric Jolliffe invite the public to a presentation on "Preventing & Investigating Property Crimes" at the Board's meeting on Weds., March 25, at 1 p.m. Topics include: *How to avoid becoming a victim; Preventative programs; Solving property crimes; Property crime trends.*

The meeting takes place at the Regional Municipality of York Administrative Centre, Committee Room A, 17250 Yonge St. in Newmarket. Visitor parking is available in the municipal lot off Eagle St. Free, but please RSVP to Jaclyn Kogan, at [jkogan@yryp.ca](mailto:jkogan@yryp.ca), 905-830-4444 or 1-877-464-9675 ext. 77736. Indicate any accessibility requirements.

## BWG-Innisfil Police Services Board

The BWG-Innisfil Police Services Board meets Monday, March 16, in the Zima Room of the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, at 7 p.m. On the agenda: A revised 2015 Operating Budget for South Simcoe Police.

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## Meet a Muslim Family campaign

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at in Canada has launched a campaign, to help overcome the wave of fear of misunderstanding regarding Islam, in the wake of terrorist extremism.

The AMJ hopes its "Meet a Muslim Family" campaign will connect non-Muslim families with Muslim families – sharing traditions, cultures and hospitality, and demonstrating how Muslims have welcomed the pluralism, multi-culturalism and tolerance that Canada represents.

For 2 weeks, beginning March 1, Ahmadi Muslims across Canada

will welcome fellow Canadians to their homes and mosques, from Newfoundland to British Columbia. Visit [www.MeetAMuslimFamily.com](http://www.MeetAMuslimFamily.com) or on Twitter, @MeetAMuslimFamily to participate, and meet a local Muslim family.

"Ahmadi Muslims living in Canada will always stand to defend the honour of Canada," said Lal Khan Malik, National President of AMJ Canada. "Ahmadi Muslims cherish Canadian values and will continue to make positive contributions to Canadian Society."

## At the Danube Seniors Centre

The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre located at 715 Simcoe Rd. south of Bradford. For information on programs and events, call 905-775-0612 – or visit the new website, [danubeseniorcentre.webs.com](http://danubeseniorcentre.webs.com)

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**Movie Afternoon** – Saturday, March 28 at 1:30 p.m. See *The Grand Seduction*, a Canadian movie about a small town in Newfoundland trying to lure a doctor to their community, and enjoy popcorn, dessert, tea or coffee – only \$3 per person.

**Singing with the Goldenaires!** Students from St. Charles Catholic School will be joining the Goldenaires choir at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31 for an afternoon of song.



Ken Bruschek, long-time member of the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, the Bridge Club, Bradford Alliance Church and its Thursday Morning Prayer Group, passed suddenly overnight on March 3. A memorial service is planned.

## Potions, Powders, Poultices and Prayers

The Monday, March 16 meeting of the Tecumseh & West Gwillimbury Historical Society will offer a timely topic: Potions, Powders, Poultices and Prayers, by Dorothy Duncan – a presentation on 19th century home remedies.

From 7:30 p.m. the Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson, on the 10th Line of BWG, west of 27. Visitors are welcomed to hear this entertaining speaker, and enjoy a social hour following the presentation. For more information, contact June at 905-771-7144.

## Probus Club II meets

Bradford's PROBUS CLUB II – a social club for retired and semi-retired Professional and Business people – meets Wednesday, March 18 at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940-10 Sideroad in Bradford. The speaker is Shawn Nisbet, on "Stress." Coffee, tea and treats will be available; new members welcomed.



Mark Wanzel, Photographer

Jack Slade of Orillia adds the finishing touches to a hand-carved Blue Jay, at the 8th annual SCACA Celebration of Arts and Crafts, held at the Simcoe County Museum on Saturday, March 7.

## letters to the editor

### Stop the SWAR

To the editor: As residents who live on the 10<sup>th</sup> Sideroad and 5<sup>th</sup> Line Bradford West Gwillimbury, we have a number of concerns pertaining to the 5<sup>th</sup> Line Interchange and the proposed location for the Southwest Arterial Road (SWAR). We brought our concerns to previous Council, yet work continues to be done on the SWAR.

The plans for the SWAR should be put on hold at this time, given many costs that have not been determined or factored into this project. The original estimation does not consider what the costs would be to expropriate property from landowners on the 5<sup>th</sup> Line and 10SR, as well as realigning 5 Sideroad and Coffey Road.

Several properties on Line 5 will be cut off from their current entrances to Line 5, and will have access from Coffey Road. The extension of Coffey Rd. requires the purchase of significant land.

On the west side of the new proposed interchange, one resident is being totally uprooted, since the location of the new interchange and proposed SWAR will encompass the home she is living in. As well, realigning 5 Sideroad will require a large purchase of land, and the cost of at least one additional bridge.

Residents were also advised that during construction of the interchange it would be necessary to close the 5<sup>th</sup> Line (at the bridge) for a long period of time, possibly in excess of 2 years. This will create considerable inconvenience and expense to farmers and local residents.

Given that the previous Council has already committed the taxpayers of BWG to repaying the Residential Developers the money they upfronted to pay for infrastructure, the objective at this time should be to focus on running servicing for the Employment Lands down County Rd. 88, to have those lands serviced as quickly as possible so that it is available for any parties who wish to build on those lands. The clock is ticking on the

deadline in the repayment agreement. If there is no development on the Employment lands, there will be no funds to repay the developers – and the taxpayers will be responsible for this debt.

That is why we feel it is premature at this time to commence work on the SWAR, as the main priority should be servicing of the employment lands – which will be much quicker if the servicing is run down County Rd. 88, and not 10 Sideroad and Line 5.

The costs of Dissette St. still have not been finalized and the cost over-runs have been a huge debt to the taxpayers. Are we going down this road again? Have no lessons been learned?

Our new Council stood on the platform of fiscal responsibility, and we think the taxpayers would expect these costs to be determined and the source of funding be determined before giving any green light to proceed with this project.

**Concerned taxpayers of the SWAR  
(Names withheld at request of Authors.)**

(Editor's note: Rum servicing down 88? Just imagine what that would be like. If the 5<sup>th</sup> Line Interchange wasn't built first... Council has asked for a staff report on the feasibility and cost implications of servicing the Employment lands via 88. We would hope that Council would wait until they have all of the information before making a decision.)

## St. Patrick's, Newfie-style

Enjoy a St. Patrick's Party – Newfie Style! At the Bradford Legion on March 21, starting at 7 p.m., a party organized by the Newfie Corner and Alice's Home-made. Includes dinner of Irish Stew in bread bowls and Caesar Salad, and dancing to DJ Bernie at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person, \$45 per couple, available at 905-775-6245 or 705-424-9378. Tickets for the Dance only will be available at the door, after 8 p.m. Remember to wear green and gold!



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## TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of the public are invited to attend all Council, Committee of the Whole and other Committee meetings. Meeting dates, times, and agendas are available from the Town's website at [www.townofbwg.com](http://www.townofbwg.com).

For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division.

**Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole** – Council Chambers, 425 Holland St. W.

- Tues. Mar 17 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

**Special Meeting of Council - Closed Meeting**

- Tues. April 14 @ 2:00 p.m. – Finance Training, 305 Barrie St., Engineering Boardroom

## UPCOMING BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Police Services Board

- Mon. Mar 16 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Rm., 425 Holland St. W

### Active Transportation/Recreation Committee

- Wed. Mar 18 @ 6:30 p.m. – BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Rm., 425 Holland St. W

## NOTICES

### Exciting News from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury!

**Effective March 16, 2015**, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Request for Tenders, Proposals, Quotations, Pre-Qualifications, Information and other solicitation documents will be advertised and available for electronic documents at [www.biddings.com/townofbwg](http://www.biddings.com/townofbwg).

We will continue with our current "Competitive Bids" portal at [www.townofbwg.com](http://www.townofbwg.com) until our launch on March 16, 2015. After such date, solicitation documents will no longer be available for download on the Town's website.

### Henderson Memorial Park Detailed Design Public Information Open House

Monday, March 30, 2015  
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave  
Community Corner of the main lobby

The public is invited to attend an open house to view the detailed design drawings of phase 1 of Henderson Memorial Park. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of the consultant and make comments.

Mike O'Hare  
905-775-2162  
Email: [mohare@townofbwg.com](mailto:mohare@townofbwg.com)

## NOTICES

MARCH 16 - 20, 2015

# MARCH BREAK

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### Have Your Say!

Residents invited to meet in person with Town Council members

Residents of BWG are invited to meet with your Town Council representatives to discuss issues, raise concerns and learn more about Council's plans and priorities. These informal Community Access Network (CAN) meetings will be held by ward and attended by your ward councillor as well as the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, so that you can exchange ideas and ask questions relating to your own neighbourhood as well as the entire Town.

The first two CAN meetings have been scheduled as below, and the remaining ward meeting dates will be announced shortly. You do not need to register, simply drop in.

Ward 1 – Saturday, March 14, 2015

Zima Room, Bradford West Gwillimbury Library and Cultural Centre,  
425 Holland St. W.  
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Ward 2 – Saturday, April 18, 2015

Multi-Purpose Room, BWG Leisure Centre,  
471 West Park Ave  
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Information on upcoming CAN meetings will be published here on the Town Page as well as at [www.townofbwg.com](http://www.townofbwg.com) and [www.facebook.com/townofbwg](http://www.facebook.com/townofbwg).

For more information, please contact the Clerk's Division at 905-775-5366 or [admin@townofbwg.com](mailto:admin@townofbwg.com).

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is accepting applications for the following positions:

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We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted, in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, and will only be used for candidate selection.

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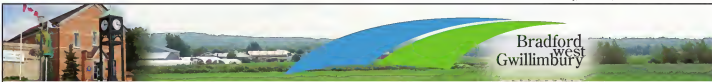
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## NOTICES

## TOWN OF BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY HIGHWAY 400 & LINE 5 INTERCHANGE ADVANCED TREE REMOVAL CONTRACT NOTICE OF PRECONSTRUCTION

## BACKGROUND

A Transportation Master Plan (OPA 17) completed by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury in 2006 determined that existing traffic capacity was insufficient to accommodate projected population growth and future employment development. Among the recommendations made to resolve this deficiency was the construction of a new interchange at Highway 400 and Line 5. The Town initiated a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) in 2009 to review alternative solutions to provide for an interchange at Highway 400 and Line 5. The Municipal Class EA process was completed in 2010 resulting in the selection of a preferred design concept.

## THE PROJECT

To move forward to construction, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has retained the services of URS and the Ainley Group to undertake the detailed design of the new infrastructure proposed at Highway 400 and Line 5. Improvements being completed as part of this undertaking include the removal and replacement of the existing Line 5 bridge at Highway 400 to a Parclo A-4 Interchange, re-alignment of the North Schomberg River, re-alignment of the 5th Sideroad with localized widening to four lanes and re-alignment of Coffey Road. This project is being completed with input from the Ministry of Transportation and the County of Simcoe to ensure that future requirements are addressed through the current design.

## TREE REMOVAL

The Town has retained Davey Tree Experts to remove the trees along the proposed Line 5 Interchange project. Work is to commence immediately and is scheduled to be completed by April 30, 2015. This contract is an advancement on tree removal component of the overall interchange project in order to conform to regulatory migratory bird regulations. The overall Line 5 Interchange Project is scheduled to commence Mid to Late 2015.

## COMMENTS

To obtain additional information or provide comments, please contact:



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Any input received during this process will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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Above, Jonathan Fair, Emergency Medical Responder with York Region EMS, gives Cub Scouts a tour of an ambulance. Below, the Heimlich Manoeuvre.

## Cub First Aid Day at York EMS headquarters



York Region EMS Headquarters in East Gwillimbury hosted about 60 young first-aiders on February 28, for Cub First Aid Day. Cub Scouts (ages 8 to 10) from South Simcoe and York Region participated. "We teach them basic First Aid," said Medical Venturer Luke Small. "At the end of it, they'll basically be going home with the First Aid badge" - and a better understanding of what to do when someone is bleeding, choking, or suffering from an animal bite; in need of treatment for "Hot or Cold" injuries, or CPR.

The half-day session, which included a tour of an ambulance, and lunch at the EMS building, was organized and taught by Medical Venturers (ages 14-17) and Rovers (ages 18 to 25), including Bradford Medical Venturer Ashley Guay.



Story and photos by Miriam King, Bradford Times  
Above, Wendy Cumming of team Wheel Do It Together wraps up her 6 minute ride, on a spinning bike, at the Inside Ride at Southlake, March 5. Below, Team Road Rascals - patients of the POGO clinic.

## Spinning their wheels at Southlake

Coast to Coast against Cancer Foundation is a charitable organization that has an unmatched record: 100% of funds raised go towards fighting pediatric cancers, and supporting children's oncology programs.

Fundraisers include the Coast to Coast cycling relay across Canada, local Rides, and the Inside Ride - a virtual relay on spinning bikes.

At Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, the Inside Ride is a fundraiser for the hospital's POGO (Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario) Centre - a special unit that helps kids with cancer find their way through diagnosis, treatment and the after-effects of radiation and chemotherapy.

Maggie, a cancer survivor and a patient, says, "They become like family." Three years after her successful treatment, "I still come back," she says - supporting POGO events and participating in The Inside Ride, on team "The Spinning Wizards."

"Even now, it's a long-lasting relationship. I'm happy to support this."

Maggie wasn't the only patient cycling her 6 minutes in the stationary relay. Team "Road Rascals" was made up entirely of POGO patients and their families.

There were 13 teams in all. Participants included hospital staff, doctors and nurses, patients, students, volunteers and community members - "right from the top down," said Dr. Charmaine van Schaik, organizer and leader of the team, "Wheel Do It Together."

At the top, hospital CEO and President Dr. Dave Williams dressed up in costume to participate. "It's for such a great cause - transforming lives." The target for Southlake's 2015 Ride was \$15,000. The teams surpassed that goal, raising \$21,934, to bring the 4-year total to nearly \$58,000.

Mike Smith, emceeing the Inside Ride, has been with the charity for 7 years. "This disease just has no boundaries. It doesn't care what your colour is. It doesn't care if you're rich or poor," he said. Participating in the Inside Ride for Kids with Cancer "is sending a message right across the country, that we're here for them today."



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# Beating the Winter Blahs



Nineteen Holy Trinity Catholic High School students and five teacher chaperones will be heading to Ecuador in April, for a Me to We student leadership trip. Once in Ecuador, they will be working with local residents to build a new school – and experiencing the life and culture of another country, in what has been described as a life-changing trip.

To help cover the costs of travel, the students have been fundraising – and on February 28, hosted a “Beat the Winter Blahs” Dinner, Auction and Dance at Holy Trinity of Japan Catholic Church.

Students were involved in every aspect of the fundraiser – from helping to collect donations from the community as prizes, to selling tickets, serving up dinner, catered by Pileiro BBQ in Bradford, to cleaning up at the end of the evening.

The kids, all members of the Ecuador Student Leadership team, hosted what turned out to be a very successful evening of fun, and fundraising.



Top, Team Ecuador Students serve dinner at the Beat the Winter Blahs fundraiser – and, below, say Thank You to donors and supporters for their donations.

## It's the Arts!

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg presents **Vanishing Ice: Alpine and Polar Landscapes in Art, 1775-2012**. This stunning and provocative exhibit intertwaves science, history and art – focusing on the beauty and fragility of Earth's frozen frontiers through the eyes of artists, writers and naturalists. *Vanishing Ice* will be at the McMichael until April 26; Northern Narratives, a parallel exhibition from the McMichael's collection of aboriginal and non-aboriginal artwork, will be on display to May 17. The McMichael is located at 10365 Islington Ave. On March 28, at 11:30 a.m., guest speaker at the McMichael will be Ryan Harris, senior underwater archaeologist with Parks Canada, on the recent discovery of the Franklin Expedition ship, *The Erebus*.

Innisfil Artist Jeanette Luchese has a one-woman show, *Deja Vu – Reconstructing the Perception*, featuring paintings, sculpture and sound art, at the Aurora Cultural

Centre, 22 Church St. in Aurora. The gallery is open Tues., Thurs. and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Weds. from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., until April 25. Admission is free.

**House Concert with Stephen Fearing**, member of the JUNO award-winning band *Blackie and the Rodeo Kings*, and solo recording artist, whose new album *Between Hurricanes* has recently been released. Concert takes place at “Peter & Marlene's House,” 2226 Richard St. in Innisfil, on Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m. Minimum recommended donation per ticket is \$25 per person. To RSVP, call 705-436-3927 or email: [muscupclose@rogers.com](mailto:muscupclose@rogers.com) For details, see [www.muscupclose.com](http://www.muscupclose.com)

The Barrie Art Club Gallery, located at 304 Dunlop St. West in Barrie, Unit 17, hosts a member's art show – featuring Father-daughter artists, **Dr. Alex Huvei and Leonora Huvei-Frenette**. Both are currently residing in Innisfil. Dr. Huvei is the founder of

the Hungarian Visual Artists of Canada association. Show continues during March.

**The Vagina Monologues** will be on stage at The Circle Theatre in Alliston, 19 Victoria St. East, March 27 and 28 – a benefit for My Sister's Place Shelter for abused women and their children. Performances will take place at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 27, and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 28. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, available at The Circle Theatre or from any cast member. Doors will open 1 hour before the show begins; come early to enter a raffle. For more information see Facebook

The annual **Scandinavian Spring Bazaar** takes place Friday, March 27 from 3-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 12, at the Laestadian Lutheran Church, 5579 County Rd. 27 in Cookstown. Scandinavian breads and treats. Friday includes dinner in the cafe, and an evening of Spring Music, 5 and 7 p.m. On Saturday, drop by for Brunch.

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## Shake 'Em, for OneWalk to Conquer Cancer

Joe Mama 2, a team entered in this year's Shoppers Drug Mart One Walk to Conquer Cancer, hosts its 6th Annual Shake Your Booties for All Cancers dinner and dance at the Portuguese Cultural Centre, on Saturday, March 28. The evening includes cocktails at 6, dinner at 7 p.m., a Silent Auction, and lots of “food, fun, prizes and dancing.” Tickets are \$35 per person, and the event always sells out. For tickets, call Allison at 905-960-3454 or Sara, 905-826-3213. To sponsor any of the walkers, or team Joe Mama 2, visit the Toronto 2015 One Walk to Conquer Cancer website, at [to15.onewalk.ca](http://to15.onewalk.ca). The Walk was formerly the Weekend to End Women's Cancers, a 2-day, 60 km. walk raising funds for Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. It has been changed to a 1-day walk, raising money for all cancer research.



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**MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> 9AM-12PM**

**APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> 9AM-12PM**

## COACHES NEEDED

Bradford Soccer Club is looking for volunteer coaches to coach in the House

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# March Break! Winter Carnival at SWOPS



Photo and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Kids on Team Greece race to their next outdoor activity at Sir William Osler Public School, during the Bond Head school's first Winter Carnival. Below, Sledding contest. Bottom, Mme. MacConville with Bonhomme Carnaval and friend, March 5.

Bonhomme himself was at Sir William Osler Public School, March 5, for the school's very first "Carnaval."

Mme. MacConville, French teacher, introduced the idea, and organized the day of outdoor games and indoor fun - including a rest station that served up "chocolat chaud" and croissants.

Kids in grades K to 7 formed teams, and under the national flags of countries that included Britain, Finland, France and Canada, participated in snow soccer, sledding relays, and "Snowman Bowling," knocking over Snowman bowling pins made from pop bottles by the Grade 8 students, who led the games.

Carnaval was delayed a week, due to the biting cold - but on Thursday, under brilliantly sunny skies, students and teachers braved the chill to forge ahead.

After all, said Mme MacConville, if they can do it in Quebec, why not here? Especially with the events evenly split between indoor and outdoor activities.

There was just one glitch in the afternoon: The "Snow Painting" event had to be cancelled, when the paint froze.

Kids also made Bonhomme puppets and artwork, carved ivory soap into snowmen and igloos for a soap carving contest, and

sported Bonhomme pins that they made themselves. Joyeux Carnaval!



## March Break at Scanlon Creek

Spring into Scanlon! Scanlon Creek Conservation Area is hosting a March Break Day Camp for kids 6 to 12 years of age, at Scanlon Creek CA, north of Bradford. Kids will play traditional aboriginal games and activities, take a forest exploration hike, participate in a Scavenger Hunt, and make Maple Syrup the old-fashioned way.

March 17, 18 or 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (drop off from 8:30 a.m.; pick up 4 - 5 p.m.) Cost is \$35 per child, for the one-day camp. Pre-register; contact [k.brygidyr@lsrca.on.ca](mailto:k.brygidyr@lsrca.on.ca)

on.ca Kids should bring a nut-free snack and lunch. Scanlon Creek also invites families to "Tap into Spring." Learn to identify and tap maple trees, collect the sap, and make maple syrup the pioneer way - and enjoy a waffle with syrup! Saturdays and Sundays, March 21, 22, 28 and 29, at 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-2:30 p.m. \$9 for adults, \$6 for kids, free for tots 3 and under. RSVP to [k.brygidyr@lsrca.on.ca](mailto:k.brygidyr@lsrca.on.ca)

# March Break!

## March Break @ the Library

The Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, is offering fun for families every day of March Break.

**Monday, March 16 – Learn about Emergency Preparedness, at the I am Ready-We are Ready drop-in program, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Includes video presentations, colouring books, giveaways and more. Free! Bring your camera to take a photo in a real Fire Truck. **Drop-in Crafts, 10 a.m. to noon** – Puzzle monsters, stained glass art, paper robots – free! And at 1:30 p.m., a free family movie – *Big Hero 6*.

**Tuesday, March 17 – Clay Workshop** – make a Monster Mug, for ages 5 to 12; 10-11 a.m. Pre-register with \$13 fee. At 1:30 p.m., Big Kid Entertainment presents *Jack and the Giant* – a hilarious play, followed by Improv games. For ages 4 and up; tickets are \$5 each, available at Borrower Services.

**Wednesday, March 18, Drop-in Crafts** – make mini-dream catchers, balancing butterflies and geoblocks. 10 a.m. to noon. **Enjoy Reading with Ronald McDonald** – a very special storytime at 1:30 p.m., geared towards kids ages 4 to 7, although all ages are welcomed. Tickets are free, from Borrower Services. Space is limited! **Thursday, March 19, Clay Workshop**

for ages 5 to 12: Create a clay Bunny Bank, 10-11 a.m. Pre-register with \$13 fee. From 1:30 to 3 p.m., *LEGO* builders are invited to come out and build. And from 2 to 3:30 p.m., there will be a *Spongebob Party*, with games, crafts and activities, for ages 4 to 8; \$3 per child. Pre-register.

**Friday, March 20. Come to the Drop-in Pajama Party, 10 a.m. to noon** – free, for all ages. Crafts, activities, stories and a cup of hot chocolate! The free family movie at 1:30 p.m. is *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, Very Bad, No Good Day (PG)*.

The next **Open Mic night** takes place Thursday, March 26. Sign-in starts at 7 p.m., on stage performances in the Zine Room at 7:10 p.m. Bring your instrument, songs, poetry and perform for 3 to 10 minutes – or just bring your ears, and listen.

The Friends of the BWG Library **Spring Book Sale, March 27 to 29**. The sale starts with a Preview Friday evening, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 per family, for first pick of thousands of donated books. Sale continues 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on March 28, and 1:30 to 4 p.m. on March 29 – admission is free!

## March Break activities!

The Elman W. Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. South in Newmarket, has a number of activities planned for March Break, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily, on a drop-in basis.

**March 17-18 Creative Crafts, \$5.50 per person.** **March 19-21 Museum Mayhem** – free! Children under 12 must be accompanied by a caregiver 18 or older. For information call 905-953-5314 or email [elmanmuseum@rogers.com](mailto:elmanmuseum@rogers.com)

The **Sugarbush Maple Syrup Festival** takes place February 28 to April 6 at both Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, 3291 Stouffville Rd., and the Kortright Centre for Conservation, 9550 Pine Valley Drive south of Major Mackenzie.

Special activities during March Break and on the weekends include tours of the sugar bush, demonstrations, horse-drawn wagon rides, live entertainment, pancakes and maple syrup. For more information, including admission rates, see [www.maplesyrupfest.com](http://www.maplesyrupfest.com)

The Simcoe County Museum offers a week

full of fun, games and crafts during March Break, March 16-20 – including Museum Day Camp from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a different theme each day: *Cabinets & Curiosities* on March 16, *Superstitions & Folklore* on March 17, *Canadian Winter Sports* on March 18, *Game On: an exploration of Arcade Games* on March 19, and *Call of the Wild*, including a wolf howl, on March 20. Pre-register online at [museum.simcoe.ca](http://museum.simcoe.ca) for the full week, or one or more days – \$25 per day for members, \$26 per day for non-members. Suitable for kids 6 to 12 years of age. Regular visitors to the Museum, located at 1151 Hwy. 26 north of Barrie, can visit the interactive Game Over! Exhibit, which looks at video gaming in Simcoe County, and enjoy hands-on activities. Regular admission is only \$6 for adults, \$5 for Seniors and Students, \$4 for children.



Explore Arcade games in a hands-on exhibit at the Simcoe County Museum.

Photo by Mark Wanzel.

**March Break Painting** at the Gibson. The Gibson Centre, 63 Tupper St. West in Alliston, hosts Art 101 for kids, March 16-20. Mon. *Still Life*; Tues. *Portrait*; Weds. *Landscape*; Thurs.

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## Music in Motion!



Singing, dancing, acting – they call it “Triple Threat.” Bradford’s Music in Motion Performing Arts (MIMPA) studio has been encouraging the talent of young “Triple Threat” performers since 2008. Its Competition Team has won more than 50 awards, in vocal and musical theatre categories, at the Access Broadway contests in the U.S. – including Best Debut School, last year in Syracuse, New York. On March 8, the young artists performed *Yes We Can!* 2 concerts at Bradford District High School featuring solos, duets, ensembles and excerpts from Musicals like *Guys and Dolls* (above). The students presented the numbers they will be taking to Access Broadway this April – and raised \$2230 through ticket sales for the Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids). For information, see [www.mimpa.ca](http://www.mimpa.ca)



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# community listings

## MEETINGS

**AL-ANON:** Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Marys of Japan Church basement, 167 Essa St. in Bradford. For information, [www.al-anon.alconet.com](http://www.al-anon.alconet.com), [www.alan-on.org](http://www.alan-on.org) or call 1-888-441-4208.

**SPEAK FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS:** Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Thurs. of each month

upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre. 7-9 p.m. For information see [www.speakfor-success.org](http://www.speakfor-success.org). All welcome.

**WEEKLY BINGO:** Insniff LIONS Club host a weekly Bingo, Mondays, 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. Bingo begins, at the Lions Hall on Insniff Beach Rd., Alcona. Refreshments available. For info, call 425-436-1826.

**HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS:** Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS)

located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or visit [www.bradfordimmigrant.com](http://www.bradfordimmigrant.com)

**BWG COMMUNITY MEAL:** BWG Community Initiatives hosts a hot meal at 5:30 p.m. every Friday evening, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. All welcome - doors open at 5 p.m. Free.

**ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH:** 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fund-raising perogies and cabbage rolls serve every Saturday up to 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info, call the church 905-453-1651.

**WRITERS' CIRCLE BWG:** Writers' Circle now meets 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thurs. of the month, at the New Bradford Library, 425 Holland St. W. All Writers welcomed.

**SUPPORT FOR DEPRESSION:** Support group meets every Friday evening at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Support for Depression meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. year round, providing an opportunity for those experiencing depression or who have experienced depression to share coping strategies in safe, non-judgmental surroundings, assisted by empathetic facilitators. Organized by the Canadian Mental Health Association - completely anonymous. Enter the church through the Office Door, off Barrie St.

**GRANDPARENTS, PARENTING AGAIN:** Support group for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren. Meets at the Ontario Early Years Centre Bradford satellite, 118 Barrie St., 1 to 3 p.m. Child-care available; call the centre at 905-775-3033 ext. 228 on the Friday before.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP:** Meets at CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors), 448 Holland St. West in Bradford on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the Month, at 10 a.m. An opportunity to get out, meet other caregivers, share stories and strategies, and find new ways to cope. Free, but register by calling Mary, 1-866-975-0445 ext. 6226 or email [M.Ferrance@chats.on.ca](mailto:M.Ferrance@chats.on.ca)

## THURS., MAR. 12

**OLDE TIME FIDDLE DANCE:** At the Thornton Arena (upstairs banquet hall), with the Thornton Olde Time Fiddlers. Starts at 7 p.m. - all welcome.

## SAT., MAR. 14

**ST. PATRICK'S EVENING:** At the Lefroy-Belle View Legion Hall on Robinson St. in Belle Ewart, 7 p.m. Features entertainment by One-Man Band, Kent Todder. Tickets are \$15 a person and include a Light Lunch. For tickets contact Chris Knowles, 705-431-5090.

**ST. PATRICK'S DINNER:** The Insniff Eastern Star hosts a St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the Masonic Hall, 2156 Victoria St. E. In Sniff, at 6 p.m. Enjoy ham and scalloped potatoes, dessert, coffee or tea for \$15 per person. For tickets call 905-722-6275.

**GRIEF & LOSS BEREAVEMENT GROUP MEETS:** At the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, 10 a.m. No fee or registration required for this Grief & Loss Bereavement workshop with Cynthia Bradsher. For info, call 647-234-9351.

## SUN., MAR. 15

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER:** Churchill United Church hosts a St. Patrick's Dinner on Sunday, March 15 with seatings at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Enjoy Irish Entertainment between the seatings, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$15, Children 12 and under, \$7 Family of 4 or more only. For tickets call Grace Brown, 705-456-2748, or Mark McCutcheon, 705-436-3763.

## MON., MAR. 16

**DOROTHY DUNCAN AND POTIONS, POWDERS, POULTRIES AND PRAYERS:** The Tecumseh & West Gwillimbury Historical Society meets, 7:30 p.m. at the Tec-We-Gwill Wermer's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson (Off County Rd. 27). Guest Speaker is author Dorothy Duncan, on Potions, Powders, Poultry and Prayers: 19th Century Remedies. All welcome.

## TUES., MAR. 17

**ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF SIMCOE COUNTY SUP-**

**PORT GROUP:** Meets at CHATS, 448 Holland St. West in Bradford at 10 a.m. Families and friends caring for a person with Alzheimer's Disease or a related dementia can share coping strategies, challenges and successes. Set a safe place for information, call 705-722-1066.

## WEDS., MAR. 18

**PROBUS CLUB II MEETS:** At St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 - 10 Sideroad in Bradford. A social club for Retired and Semi-retired PROFESSIONAL and BUSINESS people - new members welcomed. Guest speaker is Shawn Nisbet, on "Stress: Coffee, tea and treats available."

## SAT., MAR. 21

**ST. PATRICK'S PARTY - NEWFIE STYLE:** Taking place at the Bradford Legion, 115 Back St., hosted by Alice's Home-Made and Newfie Corner, 7 p.m. \$25 per person, \$45 per couple. Includes Irish stew in a bread bowl, with Caesar Salad; and dancing to DJ Bernie at 8:30 p.m. For tickets call 905-775-6245 or 705-424-9378.

**WELCOME SPRING DANCE:** The Barrie Ballroom Dance Club hosts a Dance at the ANAF Hall, 7 George St. in Barrie. Tickets at the door - \$15 members, \$22 guests. Includes a live Dancing instruction at 7:30 p.m., band playing, dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight, and a substantial late evening snack. For info call Wendy, 705-721-0990 or see [www.bdc.ca](http://www.bdc.ca) for tickets to the Annual Gala, on May 23, to now on sale.

**ROAST BEEF DINNER:** At Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. Continuous seating from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$16 adults, \$8 for kids, at the door or order in advance at 905-775-2628. Seniors can call to arrange for take out meals to be delivered to their home; call the church before 3 p.m. on March 20 to arrange.

**UKRAINIAN EASTER EGG WORKSHOP:** At the Elman Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. South, Newmarket, at 1:30 p.m. Suitable for ages 5 and up; kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$10 per person. Pre-register at 905-953-5314.

## THURS., MAR. 26

**BOND HEAD GARDEN CLUB MEETS:** At The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford at 7:30 p.m. - all welcome. Guest speaker is Katie Dawson on New and Nearly New Animals.

## FRI., MAR. 27

**SCANDINAVIAN SPRING BAZAAR:** The Laestadian Lutheran Church in Cookstown, 575 County Rd. 27, Scandinavian Spring Bazaar, 3 to 9 p.m. on Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. A fabulous assortment of Scandinavian breads and treats, dinner on Friday, Brunch on Saturday. On Friday evening, enjoy a Spring Music Program, at 5 and 7 p.m. All welcome.

## Bradford Ministerial Lenten Series

The Bradford Ministerial hosts a worship and preaching series, every Wednesday evening during Lent - an opportunity for Christians of different denominations to worship together during this holy time of year. Each church will host a service in their own tradition, and a visiting cleric from another Bradford church will preach a short sermon.

Still to come:  
March 18, St. John's Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Jim Keenan, Bradford United Church, preaching.  
March 25, Trinity Anglican Church in Bradford, 7:30 p.m. the Rev. Richard Rodini, Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church, preaching.  
April 1 - Holy Week. Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Daniel Greig, Trinity Anglican Church, preaching.

Lent, a time of renewal through penitence, prayer, fasting, almsgiving and the reading and study of Scripture, culminates in Holy Week, leading up to Easter.

## Grief Support

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, 564 Hearn St. in Bond Head, hosts Drop-In Grief Support every Monday evening, 7 to 8:30 p.m. For info, 905-775-8282.



**Springdale Christian Reformed Church**  
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Pastor Paul VanStrien  
[springdalecra.org](http://springdalecra.org)

**Bond Head United Church**  
Hwy. 88 east of Hwy. 27  
Service 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School Available

905-775-2512  
[bondheadunitedchurch.ca](http://bondheadunitedchurch.ca)

**Trinity Anglican Church**  
62 Church St., Bradford  
(Corner of Church & James St.)  
Sunday Service 10 a.m.  
Sunday School Available  
905-775-2200  
[trinityanglicanchurchbradford.com](http://trinityanglicanchurchbradford.com)

**St. John's Presbyterian**  
2940 - 10th Sideroad  
(8th Line & Middleton SFR)  
905-775-7274

Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.  
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[ajohnspresbytery.com](http://ajohnspresbytery.com)

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3999 10 Sideroad  
off Hwy. 88 Bond Head  
For further details, contact:  
Imam Bilal, 647-963-9032  
[ahmadiyya.ca](http://ahmadiyya.ca)

**St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church**  
721 Simcoe Rd. Bradford  
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Priest 905-775-0105

**Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church**  
18805 Dufferin St. R.R. #2 Newmarket  
Sundays 10:00 am & 6:00 pm  
Sunday School & Nursery with service  
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Rev. Richard Bodini  
905-775-7291  
[E.hollandmarshcra@proton.com](mailto:E.hollandmarshcra@proton.com)

**Holy Trinity Ukrainian Church**  
53 Miller Park Ave., Bradford  
905-775-9412  
Sunday Service  
10:00 a.m.

**Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church**  
167 Essa St. Bradford 905-775-2065  
Masses  
Sat. 8:00 p.m., Sun. 8:00 a.m. to 10 a.m.,  
11:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.  
Confessions  
1/2 hour before Sunday Mass.

**Bradford United Church**  
66 Barrie St.,  
905-775-7288  
Service - 10 am  
Sunday School Available  
[www.bradfordunited.com](http://www.bradfordunited.com)

**The Baha'i World Faith**  
905-551-2219  
[www.Baha'is.org](http://www.Baha'is.org)

**Bradford Community Church**  
Mid-week small group  
905-775-8696, located on the S.E. corner of Hwy #11 & Con. Rd.  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am  
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**Riverview Bible Chapel**  
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#22045 Bathurst (North of Hwy 11)  
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1:00 pm Prayer - Attention Service  
7:30 pm Praise - Praise - Bible Study

**Greater Life Community Church**  
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Christian Education: 10:00 am  
Morning Worship: 11:00 am  
(847) 718-7849  
[www.greaterlifeline.com](http://www.greaterlifeline.com)



## Roast Beef Dinner!

Bradford United Church, located at 66 Barrie St., will be hosting a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, March 21, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., with continuous seating. Enjoy a hearty dinner of Roast Beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, rolls, dessert, tea, coffee or juice. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$8 for children, at the door – or order in advance from 905-775-7268. Take out, and delivery to Seniors, are available; call 905-775-7268 before 3 p.m. on March 20 to make arrangements.

## Perogy Supper

St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 721 Simcoe Rd., hosts a Perogy & Sausage Supper on Saturday, March 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. Enjoy real perogy and cheddar perogies, sausage, salad, dessert, tea, or coffee for \$10, \$12 or \$14. Tickets at the door. A fundraiser for the Church.

## Ham Dinner

St. John Presbyterian Church hosts its famous Ham & Scalloped or Baked Potato Dinner, Saturday, April 18, at the Church, 2940-10 St. Tickets at the door. Continuous seating from 4:30 to 7 p.m., only \$15 for adults, \$7 for children, free for Preschoolers. Tickets at the door.

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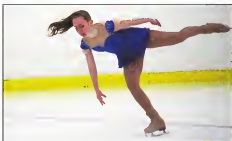
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## Sports

## March Mania!



Bradford's Tori Hayward competes in Star 5 Free Program, Group 5, at March Mania, March 8 in Innisfil.

The Innisfil and Lefroy Skating Clubs again hosted Skate Canada Central Ontario's prestigious March Mania skating competition, March 6 to 8 at the Innisfil Recreation Complex.

This is one of Skate Canada-COS's biggest events, attracting an estimated 1,500 skaters. Skate Canada issued 2000 "competition tags" for soloists and synchronized skating teams who came from as far away as Brampton-Chingachouy, Whitby, Aurora and Oakville.

Forty-eight synchronized skating teams entered this year. "It's taken off," said Jo-Anne Phelps, COS co-Chair - praising the Innisfil and Lefroy Clubs for their enthusiastic volunteers, and the Innisfil Recreation Complex, as the ideal setting. The Red Rink at the IRC offers "adequate seating" for the Synchro teams and their very vocal supporters, she noted.

Asked about the increasing

popularity of synchro, co-chair Anne Reedie explained, "It's a team sport. It's fun to be part of a team - just like baseball or hockey."

There were tears, triumphs, medals and falls, as skaters took to the ice in front of the judges, and skated their best.



Bradford's Sofia Alves, in STAR2 Freeskate, Group 8.



**Miriam King, Bradford Times**  
Bradford Bulldogs Minor Midget Rep Hockey team gets control of the puck, in Game 4 of the OMHA Semi-final vs. Cobourg, played in Bradford on March 7, at the BWG Leisure Centre. Game was tied 1-1 until the 3rd, when Cobourg surged ahead.

## Minor Midgets out of the Playdowns

The OMHA Minor Midget Semi-Final Series between the Bradford Bulldogs and Cobourg Cougars continued on March 7, when the two teams faced off at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre, in Game 4.

Bradford was leading the series, 2 games to 1, going into Saturday night's game. Once again, Cobourg was first on the scoreboard, with a quick goal only 9 minutes into the first period. Bradford answered with about 5 minutes left in the frame - but saw the goal called back.

Seconds later, the Bulldogs' attack resulted in the equalizer - and the 1-1 tie held through the rest of the 1st and 2nd periods.

In Period 3, with less than 8 minutes left on the clock, the wheels fell off. Bradford received a 5 minute penalty - and Cobourg was able to score two more, on the power play. Bradford and Cobourg, tied at 4 points each, met again at 1:30 p.m. on March 8 in Cobourg - the deciding Game 5 in the series, to determine which team would advance to the Finals against Burlington. In a tough loss, Bradford saw Cobourg triumph, taking the series 3 games to 2.

*Bradford's Minor Atom "A" Rep team lost their Semi-Final series vs. Uxbridge, 6 points to 2. Uxbridge advances to the OMHA Finals.*

## Local League Peewees in Consolation Finals

### PEEWEE LL

Game 6 in the Playoff Series between Bradford #2 and NobleKing ended with a 5-3 win for NobleKing #2. Bradford goals by Kyle MacLean from Shawn Bezerra; Bezerra from Tyler Ferramenta; and Ferramenta unassisted.

### B Championship Round Robin

Game 2, Feb. 24, Bradford #2 - 8, Beeton - 3. Scoring by Tyler Ferramenta with the hat trick (one unassisted). Gianmarco Ruccia with a pair of unassisted goals, singles by Jakob Luzzi, Matthew Froio and Frank Pirritano. Assists to Ruccia (2), Shawn Bezerra (2), Ian Neil, Thomas Gist, Clayton Szram. Szram was solid in net.

Game 3, Feb. 28, Bradford #2 - 6, Schomberg - 1. Goals by Kyle MacLean with the hat trick (2 unassisted), single by Ferramenta with a pair (one unassisted), single by

Gianmarco Ruccia (unassisted). Helpers to Nicola Giglio, and Jaline Wade. Alden Morby was awesome in net.

Game 4, March 1, Bradford #2 - 1, Beeton - 1. Lone goal by Tyler Ferramenta. Clayton Szram was rock solid in goal. Peevée #2 moves on to a series vs. Bradford Peevée #3.

### Consolation A Championship Finals

Lefroy #3 - 4, Bradford #1 - 3, in Overtime. Bradford goals by Zach Brown with a pair, single by Christopher Lottio, from Josh Langille, Brown and Lottio. Bradford #1 - 3, Lefroy #3 - 2, in a hard-fought battle. Goals by Christopher Lottio, Steven DePeuter and Jake Johnson, on assists from Dakota Mazurek, Russel Williams, Steven DePeuter, and Zach Brown. Awesome play by Williams, Mazurek and Ethan Pinto.

## Bowling for Kids' Sake in Bradford

Bowl for Kids Sake is a major fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, and its mentoring for programs for kids, both through one-on-one partnering of "Bigs" and "Littles", and through a range of in-school and after school programs. Bowl for Kids Sake takes place Sunday, March 29 in Bradford, at The Bradford Underground Bowl (formerly Bradford Bowl). Sign up your team at [bigbrothersbigsisters.ca](http://bigbrothersbigsisters.ca) or call the Bowling Hotline at 905-728-2149 ext. 324.

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# March Break activities!

**MARCH BREAK** from Page 11  
 Perspective, Fri. Composition. Register at [info@southsimcoartscouncil.com](mailto:info@southsimcoartscouncil.com) or 705-435-2378.

The Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 - 8th Line of Essa Township, hosts March Break Monday, on March 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Activities include a tour of the Sugar Bush, crafts, a scavenger hunt - and if there's still snow on the ground, snow-shoeing and kickee-riding, using the Centre's equipment. Admission is \$5, at the gate. Please pre-register at [www.mvca.on.ca](http://www.mvca.on.ca)

Simply for Life, located at 157

Holland St. East in Bradford, hosts a Kids' Cookin' Class on March 15 from noon to 1 p.m. Kids will make nutritious Easter Treats! RSVP at 905-778-9998; cost is \$15 per family (max. 3 kids). There will also be a Gardening Workshop for Kids on March 17, 10 a.m.; RSVP at 905-778-9998 or on Facebook. Cost is \$20 per family.

## Stay off the Ice!

A reminder: Ice huts must be off Lake Simcoe on March 15 - although ice anglers can continue to fish, using temporary pop-up shelters, as long as the ice is safe.

The local Conservation Authorities have issued a warning, predicting unsafe ice conditions as a result of longer days and higher temperatures, leading to Spring melting and ice break-up. The combination of melting snow and ice, slippery stream banks, and extremely cold water temperatures poses a risk of hypothermia. Parents are advised to keep children away from watercourses.

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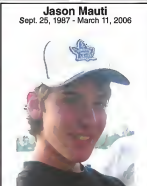
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